

WEST LAS VEGAN TELLS STRANGE STORY OF ARREST

MAHALIA JACKSON VISITS LAS VEGAS



Walter Smith, 35 of 2016 Hart NLV in taped statement to the Voice accused the NLV Police of brutality during his arrest Friday evening. According to Smith he and his brother-in-law were driving around that evening and ran into several guys they knew, who invited them to come out to there place and have some Bar B Q and beer. They drove out to the place and were sitting off the road waiting. When the guys arrived they had some conversation and decided to go back to Sugar Hill. Smith's Brother-in-law got out of the car and said he would ride back with the guys. Walter stated that he would join them as soon as he finished his beer. Just as they were pulling off he noticed a lady walking down the road toward the car.

Smith noted that she appeared quite flustered. She asked if he was going back to town and if he would give her a lift.

At which time Smith stated that he was only going as far as Sugar Hill but he would be glad to take her that far. She came around the car and got in. About this time Walter noted a squad car approaching. As the patrol car came up behind him he tossed his beer can out. The officer came up to the car and asked if he Smith was drunk. Smith replied that he was not drunk. According to Smith's statement, the officer stated that he appeared drunk to him, and asked him to get out and place his feet apart and put his hands on the car. Smith obeyed, the officer frisked him and then began handcuffing him. Walter says that he asked why he was being handcuffed and was answered because he was drunk which Smith denied. He was led to and placed into the patrol car at which time the lady was asked to stand out of the car. Smith says he was driven to the NLV Police Station, upon his arrival at the desk Sargent station he saw the lady.

Still protesting that he was not drunk Smith quoted one officer as saying, "Don't blow your stinky breath in my face Nigger. Smith states that he asked the Officer "what the hell do you mean by calling me nigger," to which the officer allegedly said "Oh you are one of those smart little son of a bitches. Smith states that he became very vocal about being called names and started calling the officer some names back. At this point a officer described as being a tall thin one held a metal looking container (See Walter Smith, Page 7)

Wilkinson Resigns School Trustee Post

George Wilkinson, President of the board of school trustees, announced Wednesday morning at a news conference that he is resigning his post after 6 years.

Wilkinson stated that he was returning to school to seek his doctorate in school administration. He stated that he felt much progress has been made in the Black Community. However shortage of funds prevented the expansion of some programs and the continuation of others. With the help of the state board working with the backing of the community many programs will be carried out to remedy many ills. The board as a whole was aware of what was needed and would work to implement their plans as soon as funds were available. Wilkinson stated that he thought the board has done a tremendous job under present circumstances. By his resignation the board will lose one of its most esteemed members, a loss that will be felt in the community.

Voice Editor Paul Smith listens as Mahalia Jackson congratulates Jimmy Rogers on his fine performance opening night in the Circus Maximus Theatre-restaurant of Ceasars Palace. She also wished he and his bride-to-be Miss Trudy Buck much happiness in their forthcoming marriage. Miss Jackson related how much feeling his music has; and asked that he send her some of his songs. She thought that they were saying something.

Mahalia was passing on her way to Los Angeles, and stopped to visit with her cousins Rev. & Mrs. Donald Clark.

She was so impressed with how well the climate made her feel, that she is considering living here a few months of the year.

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What you think the Voice can do to help make the L.V. community a better place to work and live is what we want to know. Let's talk about your thing.

Use Of Mace Protested

The NLV Council Chamber was the scene of a protest against the use of mace by NLV Police. The police did not have sufficient instructions on the use of mace.

The Black Parents were more concerned because after the mace was used by the police, the follow up treatment was not employed according to instructions, which were read by councilman Aaron Williams. Several excuses for not following instructions was offered none of which seemed valid. Mayor Echols, stated that an attempt would be made to gather both sides for the next meeting June 15th.